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TARIFF-RATE-QUOTA UPDATE
September 13,1999 through February 22,2000
U.S. Tobacco Imports Subject to Tariff-Rate-Quota 1/

<i>Quota Recipients</i>	<i>1999/2000 Quota, Metric Tons</i>	<i>1999/2000 Imports, Metric Tons</i>	<i>Percent of TRQ Used</i>
Argentina	10,750	3,134	29.2%
Brazil	80,200	13,848	17.3%
Chile	2,750	0	0.0%
European Union	10,000	2,134	21.3%
Guatemala	10,000	1,710	17.1%
Malawi	12,000	3,779	31.5%
Philippines	3,000	142	4.7%
Thailand	7,000	2,048	29.3%
Zimbabwe	12,000	1,708	14.2%
Residual 2/	3,000	1,975	65.8%
Total	150,700	30,479	20.2%

1/ U.S. Tariff Schedule line items subject to the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) include flue-cured and light air-cured tobacco, including burley, which are used in the manufacture of cigarettes for consumption in the United States.

2/ A TRQ of 3,000 metric tons is available to all countries, other than the 9 designated quota recipient countries, and is allocated on a first- come/first- served basis.

NOTE: The TRQ is administered on a September 13 - September 12 trade year.

SOURCE: U.S. Customs Service.

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